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For: METHODS OF FORMING ALPHA AND	:	Examiner: Jonathan C. Langman
BETA TANTALUM FILMS WITH	:	
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MICROSTRUCTURES	:	
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**AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This response is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") in response to the final Office Action dated December 8, 2009 (Paper No. 20091124, hereinafter referred to as "the final Office Action"), in the above-referenced patent application. This response and the accompanying RCE are being timely filed as a Petition for a two-month extension of time, up to and including May 10, 2010 (May 8<sup>th</sup> being a Saturday), including an authorization to charge fees is being submitted herewith.

Amendments to and listing of the claims begin on page 2. Remarks begin on page 5 of this response.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims by the Examiner in view of the following.